

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome to the 2nd Circular for the 2010 SPPA/SVPCA meetings in Cambridge.

Thanks to all those who registered in time for our July deadline. If you haven't paid yet and do intend to come to either of the meetings, it is still possible to do so, as follows:

Payment (both for registration and the accommodation options listed above) should be by cheque or via Bank Transfer/BACS in UK Pounds Sterling. Students must provide their supervisor's name and institution where their status can be confirmed. Cheques should be made payable to the University of Cambridge, mailed to this address:

SVPCA 2010, c/o Robert Asher

Department of Zoology, Downing St., Cambridge CB2 3EJ

Electronic payment may also be made to the University of Cambridge Zoology:

Barclay's Bank, Sort Code: 20 17 19, Account Number: 10921084, Swift code: BARCGB22

IBAN number: GB96BARC20171910921084.

In all cases please ensure that your name, registration number, and the reference Zoology/SVPCA2010 is quoted on all payments.

In all cases please bring a record of your electronic payment or cheque with you to registration.

A conference programme is now online (http://www.svpc.org/years/2010_cambridge/index.php) including drafts of the submitted abstracts. The abstract booklet will be sent for printing towards the end of the month.

Conference summary

Tuesday	Registration & SPPC papers (Zoo Main)
14 September	Evening reception (Zoo Museum), 7pm
Wednesday	SVPCA papers (Zoo Main)
15 September	Evening reception (Sedgwick), 7pm
Thursday	SVPCA papers (Zoo Main)
16 September	Evening reception/SVPCA auction (Zoo Museum/Main), 7pm
Friday	SVPCA papers (Zoo Main)
17 September	Annual symposium banquet (Queens' College), 7pm
Saturday	Field trips:
18 September	Oxford clay (TBA)
	West Runton (TBA)

Zoo Main: Main lecture theatre and Elementary Lab, Downing St:

<http://www.zoo.cam.ac.uk/zooone/department/map.html>

Zoo Museum: University Museum of Zoology, Downing St., directly across from main lecture theatre on same site:

<http://museum.zoo.cam.ac.uk/visit.us/>

Sedgwick: Sedgwick Museum of Earth Sciences: <http://www.sedgwickmuseum.org/about/>

Queens' College: <http://www.quns.cam.ac.uk/page-1860>

Social events:

Social events this year include the welcome reception on Tuesday, the Sedgwick reception on Wednesday, the auction on Thursday, and the banquet on Friday. All start at 7pm and are hosted at venues identified in the above table.

The conference registration desk, located in the Zoology Department elementary lab ("Zoo main", <http://www.zoo.cam.ac.uk/zooone/departement/map.html>) is adjacent to the main lecture theatre where talks will be held. It will be open starting 10am on Tuesday 14 September and during working hours for the first two days of the conference, during the welcome reception, and during coffee breaks for the remainder of the conference.

Please remember to bring along your donations for the auction (or mail them to Robert Asher at the address below in advance of the meeting). Our annual bursaries from the Jones-Fenleigh Memorial Fund for attendance at SVPCA rely on the money raised from these donations, so please be generous!

Collections access in Cambridge:

If you would like to use palaeontological or zoological collections in Cambridge during your visit, please contact Matt Lowe in Zoology (<http://museum.zoo.cam.ac.uk/collections.archives/academic.use/>) or Matt Riley at the Sedgwick (<http://www.sedgwickmuseum.org/research/>) in advance of your visit. Note that the standard rules for collection access, as described on the above websites, applies to visitors connected to the SPPA/SVPCA meetings.

Platform presentations:

All presentations should be made using PowerPoint or Acrobat. PCs running Windows Vista and Acrobat Reader will be available in the lecture theatre. Please ensure that your presentation is saved onto the lecture theatre computer well in advance of your talk, and **at the latest by the coffee break preceding your allotted time-slot**. Please make every effort to ensure compatibility with Windows Powerpoint or Acrobat. Those who need to use their own laptop for their presentation may do so with advance consultation with the host committee.

Posters will be on display in the Zoology Elementary Lab (Zoo Main), directly across from the main lecture theatre and in the same room as the coffee breaks, for the duration of the meeting.

Conference field trips:

We're still awaiting the details on the two fieldtrips (West Runton and Oxford Clay) scheduled for Saturday 18 September. Please be patient and we'll post updates to the conference website as soon as the information is forthcoming.

We look forward to seeing you in Cambridge on September 14th!

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